REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Harry%20Potter%20Emma%20Watson%20-%20Hermione%20Granger-%20Hq%20Nude%20Fake.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Christchurch
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication *Harry%20Potter%20Emma%20Watson%20-%20Hermione%20Granger-%20Hq%20Nude%20Fake.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and is objectionable.

The publication is a digitally manipulated photographic image in which the face of a well-known young actress has been superimposed over that of a naked female. Youthful accessories and phrases associated with the actress's most famous role, of a schoolgirl, have been placed around the image. The female figure's pose focuses the viewer's attention on her genitals and breasts.

A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. It presents as a calculated attempt to link youthful characteristics and interests with sex. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young persons. The publication's presentation of a well-known and youthful face in a sexual context encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by young persons. Such images also advance the idea that young persons are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.